

# ***Beyond the Neon***

Cultural Affairs Division  
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## **October 2004 Calendar of Events**

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### **Rainbow Company Youth Theatre**

#### ***The Little Princess, Sara Crewe***

**October 1, 2, 7-9 @ 7 pm**

**October 3, 9, 10 @ 2 pm**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

This adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic novel of wealth, poverty and the reversal of fortune is filled with Victorian charm and spiced with humor and suspense.

Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 teens & seniors, \$3 children 12 & under

### **Rites of Passage**

**Applications available September 7**

#### **Putting the Man Back into Manhood**

**October 2-December 18: Saturdays, 1-3 pm, Tuesdays, 5-7 pm**

#### **S.I.S.T.A.'s: Sisters in Society Taking Action**

**October 2-December 18: Saturdays, 3-5 pm, Tuesdays, 5-7 pm**

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Boys, ages 10-13, and girls, ages 10-16, develop the tools necessary to make the transition into adulthood during the 12-week Rites of Passage program. Applications available.

Fee: \$25

### **Las Vegas Blues Festival**

*Co-presented with Southern Nevada Blues Association*

**Sunday, October 3, 12-6 pm**

#### **Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park**

Twin Lakes Drive off W. Washington, **229-1087**

Spend an afternoon listening to some of Las Vegas' finest blues bands, including the Spellcasters, Moody Scott, Moanin' Blacksnakes, and John Earl and the Boogeyman Band. Food and beverage concessions.

Free admission

### **Las Vegas Wind Quintet**

#### ***A Celebration of American Music***

**Sunday, October 3, 3 pm**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

The concert features the premiere of Carson Rothrock's *Diabolus in Musica* and works by George Gershwin, Aaron Copland, William Grant Still, Henry Cowell and Leo Sowerby.

Free admission, tickets required and available for pick up or by mail. Ticket holders must be seated at least 15 minutes prior to concert or their tickets will be released on a first come, first served basis.

## **Las Vegas Youth Orchestras**

**Thursday, October 7, 6 pm**

### **Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park**

Twin Lakes Drive off West Washington, **229-6211**

The Ensemble, Sinfonia, Symphony and Youth Philharmonic all perform in the season's first concert, which includes Mahler's *Symphony #4* and music from *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Band of Brothers*. Members, from 2nd-12th grades, are selected through auditions.

Tickets: \$6 adults, \$3 students & seniors

## **Studio Straight Ahead Jazz Series**

### **Straight Ahead Trio**

**Saturday, October 9, 7 pm**

### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Trio leader/drummer Curtis "Pat" Sherrod, pianist Michael C. Montano and bassist Richard Jones are long-time musicians who play their jazz straight.

Tickets: \$7

## **Downtown Cultural Series**

### **Meadowlark**

**Friday, October 15, 12-1 pm**

### **Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse**

333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, **229-1087**

Meadowlark's compositions meld influences as diverse as Celtic, African and Mediterranean music. Bring a sack lunch or partake of the light refreshments available.

Free admission

## **2nd Annual United Today & Always/Unidos Hoy y Siempre**

### **Hispanic Heritage Celebration**

**Friday, October 15, 7 pm**

### **East Las Vega Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with music, dance, poetry and arts and crafts displays from a variety of Latin cultures.

Free admission

## **The Poets' Corner**

**Friday, October 15, 7 pm**

### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Keith Brantley and Pendelita Toney host a forum for established poets and open mic participants.

Free Admission

## **Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Auditions**

**Saturday, October 16, 1 pm**

### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6553**

Roles are available for ages 10-adult for the December production of *Seussical*, a musical based on the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss' books. Dress comfortably and bring a prepared song.

Free admission

### **Fall Class Registration**

**October 16-28**

**Class session: November 2-December 12**

#### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

#### **East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Classes for adults and children in a wide variety of arts disciplines, including painting, ceramics, dance, music and theatre. Call for a free catalog.

Fees vary

### **Young Artists Recital Series**

**Sunday, October 17, 3 pm**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Young, musically talented, adults, ages 16-21, perform classical music solo recitals. Performers selected through auditions. Call for 229-6211 for details.

Free admission

### **Ogbon Opon – The Knowledge Circle**

**Sunday, October 17, 3 pm**

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Chief Fafore Akinlana and members of the Egbe Ifa Traditional African Society leads a monthly discussion on African scientific and medical achievements.

Free admission

### ***Ethel Merman's Broadway* starring Rita McKenzie**

**Sunday, October 24, 3 pm**

#### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Rita McKenzie becomes the incomparable entertainer, Ethel Merman, in a dazzling performance of the songs that made Merman famous. "Bold and brassy! A don't miss!" – *The New York Times*

Tickets: \$12 performance day, \$10 advance

### **Safe Halloween Trick or Treat Carnival**

*Cosponsored with Univision Radio*

**Saturday, October 30, 5-8 pm**

#### **East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Children can enjoy Halloween fun in a safe environment. Costume contests, games and treats.

Free admission

## **Halloween Dance**

**Boyd Coulter & the Good Times Band**

**Sunday, October 31, 2-5 pm**

**Charleston Heights Arts Center Ballroom**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Get into the Halloween spirit! Dress in costume and “monster mash” to favorite standards from the 1940s-’60s.

Tickets: \$12 performance day, \$10 advance

## **IN THE GALLERIES**

***Viva Downtown: Celebrating the Arts of the Aerial Gallery***

**through October 8**

**Bridge Gallery**

City Hall, 2nd Floor, 4th Street and Stewart Avenue

Exhibit features original artwork by artists whose banners have been displayed in the Aerial Gallery:

Harold Bradford, Ginger Bruner, Mark Burns, Diane Bush, Merrilee Hott, Bobbie Ann Howell, Jim Pink, Pasha Rafat and Mary Warner. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

## **Community Gallery**

***Visual Journal* by Anthony E. Johnson**

**through October 23**

**West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Painter Anthony Johnson’s artwork reflects the love of family and friends, which shapes each individual in a complex society.

Free admission

## ***A Reason for Hope***

**Deborah Barr**

**October 1-November 21**

**Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Artist/child activist Deborah Barr’s paintings address children’s issues. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

## ***Celebrating Life! 2004 Exhibition***

**October 15-January 21**

**Bridge Gallery**

City Hall, 2nd Floor, 4th Street and Stewart Avenue

The winning artwork from the 2004 Celebrating Life! fine arts competition for senior artists, age 50 and older, is displayed along with pieces by the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award recipients. The annual competition is sponsored by the City of Las Vegas Arts Commission and the Department of Leisure Services’ Senior Citizen Programs Division. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

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***All Who Wander: Reflections from Journey's Past***

**Nila Oakes**

**through November 14**

**Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

California artist Nila Oakes endeavors to convey a sense of awe in her paintings of natural phenomenon. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

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**Las Vegas Arts Connection**

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Free service

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